

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 15 and 21-28 are pending in the captioned application and have been allowed.

The Examiner has objected to the specification for minor informalities. Specifically, the amendment filed on April 12, 2007 was objected to as including new matter. The Examiner regards as new matter the references of U.S. Patent numbers 6,410,668; 6,967,250 and 6,949,635 as well as WO98/43991. In response, Applicants have further amended the specification, restoring the original text therefore cancelling the added new matter. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection.

The recently submitted Sequence Listing was objected to for the reasons of record. In response, a revised Sequence Listing is filed herewith and includes sequences 1-16. No new matter is introduced. Applicants respectfully request that this new Sequence Listing replace the previously filed and objected to Sequence Listing.

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Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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